

U.S.A. Today. Bob Devaney has a television program during football season and he picks teams that he thinks will win and also tells you by how much. CBS has Jimmy the Greek who is notorious for picking losers. ABC has Beano Cook who is very philosophical and humorous but he is not too much better, somewhat better. NBC has a pregame NFL show and I don't remember who they have because that is generally considered the duller of the networks. Now HBO which is Home Box Office has a program called "Inside NFL" and they will give you a rundown on what the teams have done the previous week, talk about the teams that are playing the following week. Then they go to Las Vegas where a man named Larry Merchant is shown on screen speaking to you from Caesar's Palace. He will make selections for you of the teams that he thinks will beat the point spread, and since this program, HBO, goes all over the country and the only place you can bet legitimately is in Nevada, it is clear they know that there is going to be gambling in other parts of the country. WTBS which is another cable program will have Paul Hornung and another gentleman of football fame during the college season picking teams against the spread and professional teams also. ESPN which is Channel 37 in Omaha will have what they call "Monday Night Matchup" during the NFL season and they will take the two teams that are going to play and go into exhaustive detail about the strengths and the weaknesses of each team. Then a man named Allie Sherman, another one named Len Berman, then there is a third one, who I can't think of right now, who will make their choices of the winning team and by how many points they will win by. Allie Sherman won on practically every Monday night. CNN which is Cable News Network at eleven thirty or ten thirty on Sunday morning during college and NFL season will come on with their picks. This year, I mean at this point in the season, they are talking about basketball. I don't know if they make picks on that because that is not of too much interest to me. The spreads are of value only to bettors, only to gamblers. Other people who are just interested in which team wins or loses are in a diminishing number and that is why there is encouragement of interest through betting in these athletic events because people wouldn't watch it on television or attend the games otherwise. I have put for you some information from the World Herald which shows that last year the legal betting at Ak-Sar-Ben, and this article came out in July, the amount of legal gambling at Ak-Sar-Ben was \$216 million dollars.